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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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H-305, the Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the NC Aviation Workforce Engine: A Multi-HUB Simulation & Training Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Elizabeth City State University, located at 1704 Weeksville Road, Elizabeth City, NC 27909. The funding would be used for the establishment of a flight training HUB at Kinston Regional Airport. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help meet the national demand for 18,000 new pilots annually and allows ATC graduates to bypass the FAA Academy, saving the federal government approximately \$30,000 per trainee.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory F. Murphy".

Gregory F. Murphy, M.D.

Member of Congress